

**COMMENTS FROM COMMUNITY KEY SERVICES DIALOGUE
OCTOBER 8, 2009 – WARD 4 - DESERT SKY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

What do you like best about Tucson? What would you most like to see improved about Tucson?

LIKES

- Activities (Sports, Arts, Culture)
- Attitude/Openness
- Cooperation
- Environment
- Food
- Friendly people
- Gem show
- Mexican and Hispanic culture
- National/International Events
- Nature
- Ranching/cowboy feeling/influence/western heritage
- Small town feeling in a large way
- Sunsets/Mountains
- The openness
- The way the City's run
- University of Arizona
- University/Wildcats/Baseball
- Volunteer Spirit
- Weather

IMPROVEMENTS

- Affordability of things we like and enjoy
- Better Budget planning
- Business friendly attitude
- City Government/County Government
- City Government pick a project and follow through
- Coordinate Street Maintenance better
- Crime Rate
- Integrity in the Procurement Department
- Manage growth/Planning
- Overhaul land design use code
- Put a Police precinct in Rita Ranch
- Small City attitude with big City problems
- Streets
- The dispatching of law enforcement (better use)
- Transit-public/transportation-roads/freeway
- Use Park facilities to generate revenue

What services would you like to maintain or cut? Why?

MAINTAIN

- Civic, Arts and Culture
- General and Support Services
- Housing and Human Services
- Long-term Planning and Development
- No benefit to cutting any services
- Parks
- Police and Fire
- Police, Fire, Ambulance
- Streets
- Support Services

CUT

- Cut down on taking City cars home
- Downsizing
- Frequency of transit (re-evaluate schedules)
- Fuel costs, insurance for City cars
- Inefficiencies within programs
- Less critical services with hopes to ramp up with economic turn upward
- Park hours (of low use parks)
- Reduce travel, local and statewide
- There is not a lot of excess spending within the City

What new resources, revenues or efficiencies should be pursued?

Explain.

- Annexation
- Attract viable businesses to broaden tax base
- Cost studies of services –list costs (actual) – time analysis/use
- Create a tax on airline tickets
- Education (better funded)
- Free rides (reduced or get rid of)
- Green business/technology
- Impact fees increase
- Investigate the sale /lease back of physical facilities
- Keep ancillary services within the City (City keeps the money not private enterprises)
- Long-term investment
- Maximize utilization of volunteers
- More accountability (to increase the use of remanufactured products)
- Tax food
- Tax (graduating tax increase)

- Use of Park facilities to generate revenues

What services should we invest in for our community's future?

- Bonds
- Build homes in context for environment
- Cautions in terms of taxes and impact it will have
- Create free activities for youth to participate in
- Education
- Invest in incentives to bring businesses to Tucson
- Long-term budget planning
- Make stiffer fines for graffiti
- More space between homes (slow growth)
- Parks (maintain)
- Planning
- Police and Fire
- Police and Fire (efficient and cost effective)
- Promote more compact sustainable development
- Transportations
- Youth
- Xeriscape and cisterns